

5 January 1952

Mr. Roger W. Jones  
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Legislative Reference  
Bureau of the Budget  
Washington 25, D.C.

Subject: Proposed Government Training Program

Dear Mr. Jones:

Reference is made to your conversation of 3 January 1952 with our General Counsel, Mr. Lawrence R. Houston, concerning the proposed Government training legislation now being processed for inclusion in the next session of Congress. This bill in its present form gives us cause for concern, our principle consideration being given to Sections 5, 6 and 9.

Sections 5 and 6 are the only sections not containing the phrase "under this Act" in one form or another. Were these provisions to be construed as evidence of an intent to restrict all Government training of this nature, as detailed in Section 5, and to place an obligation on the Commission to monitor all training of a like nature under Section 6, the bill would then be in direct conflict with the statutory mandate laid down for the conduct of national intelligence activities. Commensurate with our security obligations, we would assist the Civil Service Commission in every way in the fulfillment of the Commission's responsibility to maintain information on effective training methods. We would be unable, however, to fulfill a reporting obligation concerning governmental or non-governmental training conducted under the authority of Public Law 110 -- 81st Congress. The restrictions outlined in Section 5 might well serve as a guide and be incorporated by reference administratively in the conduct of our present training. However, as you know, future training of this Agency cannot be estimated at this time and might well be seriously impaired were these restrictions found applicable to Central Intelligence.

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We understand that the general intent was to exclude the Central Intelligence Agency among others from the purview of this legislation. None the less, we feel that we need somewhat more assurance than the present wording of Section 9, particularly as to the bill's effect on future training programs. This is especially true when viewed in the light of the foregoing comments on Sections 5 and 6.

Sincerely yours,

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